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HOW HEPPNER GOT NAME

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went on to the California gold fields. The progressive young man immediately entered the merchandise business. It was here, probably, that Heppner got his business experience, which, with his natural acquisitive instinct, formed a redoubtable combination in his later years. Perhaps, too, the queer conditions of the time, when gold dust was plentiful and the people could



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A Comparison of U.S. and Russian Farm Efficiency



Based on prewar statistics (1929). Source: H. DeGraff in Steelways Magazine, November, 1947

The American mastery of modern farming techniques gives us a big edge in strength over any potential aggressor, according to Dr. Herrell DeGraff, outstanding Cornell University agricultural economist.

This is because farm productivity is an accurate measure of a country's industrial strength as well as the health of its population, he said. Writing in Steelways Magazine, Dr. DeGraff said, "Russia, for instance, has yet to win the war of steel plows and the efficiency which they symbolize."

Comparing the agriculture systems of the two countries, he said, "America's basic advantage makes Russia look like a 14-year old boy pitted against a brawny blacksmith in a weight lifting contest."

"We have to go back to shortly before the Civil War," he added, "to find when the American farmer's productivity was as low as the Russians' in 1928. American agriculture in prewar years turned out six times as much as each worker on the land in Russia."

The use of prewar figures was necessary, Dr. DeGraff explained, for the reason that the Soviets do not give out statistics now. He also said that "even if we had the information, it would hardly be satisfactory to draw a comparison since Russia's agricultural production was far more disrupted by the war than ours was."

Although Russia is the largest nation in the world, containing one-sixth of the world's land area, and with a population one-third greater than that of the United States, agriculturally speaking, Dr. DeGraff pointed out, this nation's output of farm produce in the years for which we have a comparison exceeded Russia's by 50 per cent. Both countries had approximately the same harvested crop acreage, prewar.

"Except in a few operations, Russia's claim to have the most mechanized agriculture in the world is a gross exaggeration," Dr. DeGraff stated. "The bulk of Russian farm work is done by hand while the American farmer, using machines

afford to spend it freely, resulted in a growth of generosity in the nature of the young Jew, which contrasted strangely with its natural racial characteristics. The back-flow of population brought him to The Dalles. For

made mostly of steel, supplied by an aggressive American industry, never ceased to expand the effectiveness of his work."

Dr. DeGraff quoted figures to show that the Russian farmer worked 63 hours before the war to grow one acre of corn, while in this country American farmers worked only 16 hours and obtained double the yield.

Russians, according to the article, required 330 hours to raise and harvest an acre of cotton. American producers do the same in 91 hours. While the farmer in this country labored 9 hours to raise and harvest an acre of wheat, the Russian farmer took 47 hours and even then got less wheat. Sugar beets, potatoes, milk and poultry production all followed the same pattern.

"The great vitality and productivity of American agriculture has been the basis of the rising strength of the nation and the rising standard of living," Dr. DeGraff said. "We now use only one-sixth of the nation's productive effort to provide for this country and still ship 10 per cent of our farm produce overseas."

Production levels in the United States are ever-increasing, Dr. DeGraff explained, "because individuals have had freedom to work and enjoy the fruits of labor. Under that system we have built an economic system that has stimulated production, individually and in the mass."

"The steel industry and other allied industries, making possible such machines of increasing efficiency, constantly reduce still farther the manpower needed to produce food and thus release more men to devise and produce more ways to build higher the level of our civilization."

"Whatever else may be behind the Iron Curtain, we know it hides great weaknesses. Our strength is in plain sight. The steel coming from our factories and the production from our farms make it possible to get 'from each according to his ability' in increasing measure, the stuff of life."

several years prior to 1872 he ran, in connection with some Mexicans, who did the actual packing, a pack train, consisting of about one hundred and fifty mules at its largest. It is said that he had the biggest and best

care for mules in this part of the country. This pack train carried freight from Umatilla to Boise, Idaho, and to many intermediate points, Canyon City in particular. The Cayuse Indians, of the Blue mountains, committed many depredations upon this train, stealing several mules at a time, until finally they took the last of the train. Before he died, Mr. Heppner received a reimbursement from the United States government for the train.

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